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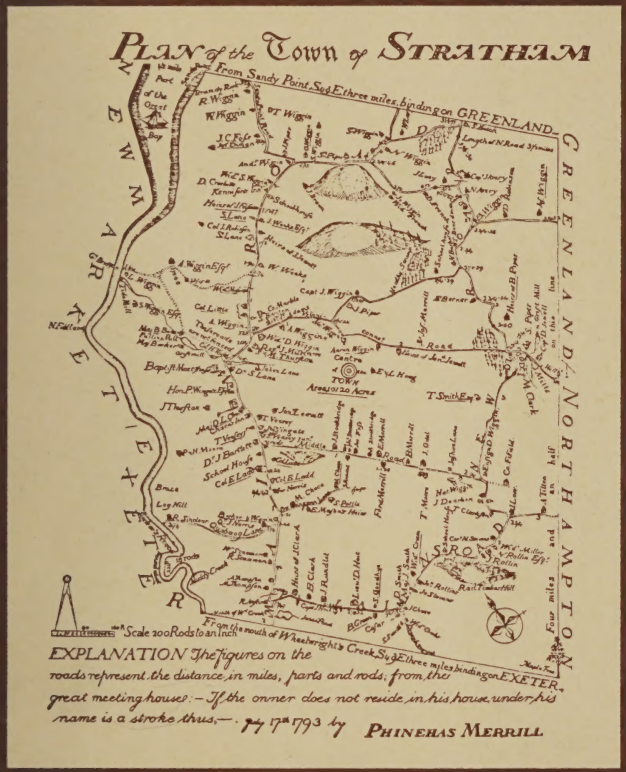

Annual Report

Stratham

New Hampshire

1966 - Stratham's Year to Remember

Annual Report

of the Town of

STRATHAM

New Hampshire

For the Year Ending
December 31, 1966

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THE COVER

This is a copy of the earliest map in existence today of the town of Stratham. The historic reproduction was produced for wide distribution during the 250th observance.

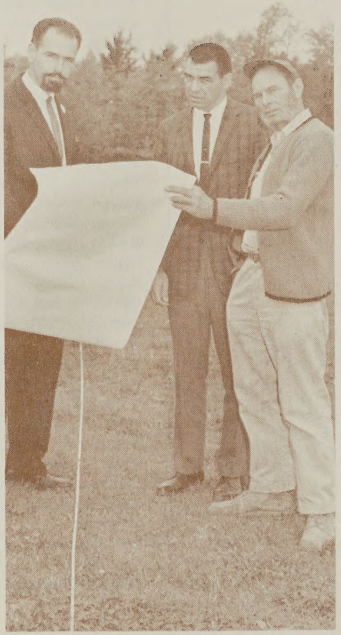
FOREWORD

It was an eventful year for Stratham, 1966. It saw the climax of two years' worth of planning and hard work in a highly successful and long to be remembered 250th anniversary observance. There was fun all year, of course, but there was a great lesson learned also. Through the pages of the history that was published, and by the varied programs held throughout the year, Stratham got a fine insight to the very rich heritage it enjoys.

The pages of this annual report tell of some of the highlights of our year with special emphasis on the highly imaginative entries in the 250th anniversary parade. Also, the traditional reports have been included, pared wherever possible to make meaningful reading. Should any taxpayer seek further information about his town government, he should contact the selectmen or other town officials.

We hope that now, after the fine tribute to our past, we can continue to work in the future for the very best interests of this community. There's always considerable work to be done, as this report indicates, and we always are ready to listen to constructive suggestions for getting it done efficiently and economically.

YOUR SELECTMEN



Anniversary Committee Chairman Charles Nelson and his helpers plot plans for erecting 'Big Tent' that housed dance.

TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Robert T. Wiggin, John A. Hutton, Jr.
Richard G. Scamman

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
Frederick W. Ordway, Jr., James I. Scamman, George R. Brown

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Helen Gowen, Isabel Colwell
Charlotte Hutton

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Thomas J. O'Leary, Chief
Robert S. Berry, Richard G. Scamman
Russell Chapman

REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT
Nelson E. Barker

MODERATOR
G. Douglas Ross

TOWN CLERK
Frances J. Bradford

TAX COLLECTOR
Frances J. Bradford

TREASURER
Kenneth Lanzillo

BOARD OF HEALTH
Dr. Henry Saltonstall

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST
Evelyn Barker, Olive B. Calef
John D. French

PARK COMMISSION
George Brown, Abner R. Marsh
Henry Burke

PLANNING BOARD
Christopher T. Rowe, James B. Peirce
Nelson E. Barker, Richard Warner
Robert T. Wiggin

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Rodney Sanderson, Richard Gallant
Rudolph Bume, John French, Nelson Barker

AUDITORS
Josephine W. Scamman,
W. Douglas Scamman, Jr.

HIGHWAY AGENT
David Noyes

FIRE CHIEF
James I. Scamman

BUILDING INSPECTOR
Charles B. Nelson

LIBRARY TREASURER
Isabel H. Colwell

AN OPEN LETTER OF APPRECIATION

250th Anniversary Committee, Inc.

Town of Stratham, N. H.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN:
Charles B. Nelson

VICE CHAIRMAN:
Robert Goodrich

SECRETARY:
Elizabeth Batchelder

TREASURER:
Nelson Barker

FINANCE COMMITTEE:
Isabel Colwell

It is with a great deal of pride we submit the financial report of the 250th Anniversary. Over the last two years we had been authorized by the town and its organizations to put on a birthday celebration, second to none, this we feel was accomplished.

Thanks to all the wonderful people of Stratham who contributed so much of their time and effort and more particularly to the thirty committee chairmen who worked so diligently to make this affair such a great success.

As the challenge of this great milestone in our history has been met so successfully we charge our future citizens and generations to carry on and to keep Stratham always at the forefront.

CHARLES B. NELSON
General Chairman of the
250th Anniversary Committee

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A FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

250th Anniversary Committee

Receipts

Town Appropriated	
1965	$2,000.00
1966	$5,000.00
Pledges	
Unity Club	$ 100.00
Pilgrim Guild	200.00
Fire Department	250.00
Extension Service	50.00
Grange	200.00
P.T.A.	250.00
Civic Association	150.00
Ladies Auxiliary	150.00
Couples Club	150.00
	$8,500.00
Received from all other Anniversary Activities	$28,216.63
Money in checking account	172.74
Cash on hand	42.80
	215.54
Accounts Receivable	
Lobster Cooker and Equipment	$100.00
Booths and Used Lumber	100.00
	$ 200.00

Inventory, January 1st, 1967

450	History Books	1,400.00
35	Church plates	47.25
154	Library Plates	200.20
154	Tiles	143.22
157	Ash Trays	164.85
142	Bronze Coins	82.36
24	Maps	25.00
6	Note paper	5.00
	Die for Coin	875.00
	Films	300.00
		$ 3,242.88
	Total Assets	$40,335.05

Payments

	$36,533.99
Due Exeter Banking Co.	200.00
Total Cost	$36,733.99
Total Assets	$40,335.05
Total Cost	36,733.99
Net Assets	$ 3,606.06

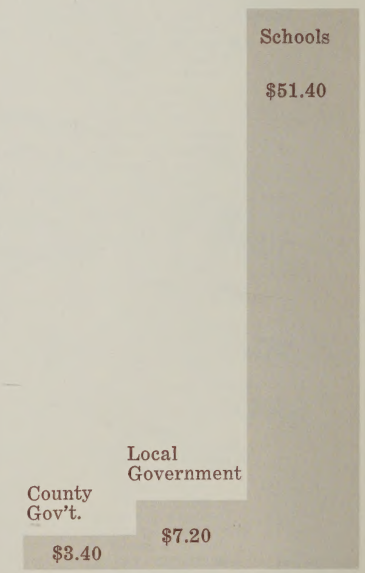
NELSON E. BARKER
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined the books of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Road Agent, Library Trustees, and Trustees of Trust Fund and found them correct and properly vouched.

JOSEPHINE SCAMMAN
W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN, JR.

HOW STRATHAM'S 1966 TAX DOLLAR WAS SPENT



TOWN WARRANT TO BE ACTED ON MARCH 11

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE STRATHAM TOWN WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Stratham on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning and Land Use Ordinance adopted at the special Town meeting held June 10, 1959, as follows:

A. To amend Article IVa, Section H, paragraph 4 by substituting for the words "40,000 square feet" the words "one acre" so that Article IVa, Section H, paragraph 4 amended will read: "Minimum Land Area. A lot shall not be less than one acre."

B. To omit Section E of Article IV: "Customary home occupations carried on in the house by a resident person. The outside display of items other than home products produced on the premises is not permitted."

4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Building Ordinance adopted at the annual Town meeting held March 12, 1957 as follows:

A. To omit Section I of Article I and insert in lieu of it the following Section I of Article I: "No building or structure shall be erected, and no building shall be structurally altered, maintenance and interior remodelling excluded, without a building permit from the Building Inspector, to whom adequate plans and specifications of the proposed building or alterations shall be submitted. The fees for permits shall be according to the following schedule:

VALUE — $5,000 and under; PERMIT fee $5.00.
VALUE $5,000.00 and over; PERMIT fees $1.00 per $1,000.00 of value.

B. To amend Article IV, Section I, by adding paragraph g, to read: "Before issuance of a building permit, the Building Inspector may require that property lines be properly established by iron pipes at least 1" in diameter driven into the ground at least 2'-0" or by concrete and/or granite bounds, all to be set by a registered Engineer.

5. To see if the Town will establish a Town Conservative Commission of five (5) conservation-minded members, according to Chapter 36A, R.S.A. of New Hampshire. The Commission to be appointed within one month, with the first-named empowered to call the commission together within two months from this date.

6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars ($600.00) to install a new heating system at Wiggin Memorial Library: this sum to be supplemented by an additional Four Hundred Dollars ($400.00), on deposit by the library trustees.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of not more than four (4) to work with them to study the feasibility of purchasing the land of David and Elizabeth Noyes on the south side of Route 101 adjacent to Stratham Hill Park.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to take a one year option on the land of David and Elizabeth Noyes, raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the same.

9. To see if the Town desires to

have an airport for private and commercial use located, either in part or in its entirety, within the geographical limits of the Town.

10. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

11. To see if the Town will vote to allow a 1% Discount on such property taxes as are paid within 30 days from the day the Tax Warrant is committed to the Tax Collector; the date to be printed on the tax bill.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

The Polls will open from 10:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lower Town Hall to elect Town Officers and to act upon Articles 3 and 4.

The discussion and action of the other Articles in the Warrant at 8:00 p.m. in the Upper Town Hall.

Given under our hands and seal, this 16th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-seven.

ROBERT T. WIGGIN
JOHN A. HUTTON, JR.
RICHARD G. SCAMMAN
Selectmen of Stratham

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:
ROBERT T. WIGGIN
JOHN A. HUTTON, JR.
RICHARD G. SCAMMAN
Selectmen of Stratham

One of the prize-winners in our 250th Anniversary parade

STRATHAM'S 1966 BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1967 to December 31, 1967. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1966 to December 31, 1966.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1966	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1966	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1967
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	$ 5,000.00	$ 3,483.27	$ 3,000.00
Railroad Tax		6.34	
Savings Bank Tax	300.00	282.05	250.00
Reimbursements a/c State TRA	1,712.83	1,712.83	1,712.83
Reimbursement Head Tax		22.90	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	500.00	494.00	500.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	10.00	40.00	10.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	100.00	143.27	100.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	550.00	769.44	600.00
Income of Departments:			
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment	200.00	1,103.30	200.00
(b) Fire Dept.		600.00	
(c) SVFD Association	1,378.13	1,388.20	1,345.50
Insurance Dividends		307.22	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	11,000.00	14,171.09	12,000.00
Sale of Town Property	100.00	107.55	100.00
Reimbursement Town Poor		4,613.50	
Stratham Hill Park Assoc.	700.00		3,000.00
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Fire Truck		16,000.00	
TRA Loan	4,300.00	4,300.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular @ $2	700.00	1,048.00	1,000.00
(c) Yield Taxes		6.96	
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	$ 26,550.96	$ 50,599.92	$ 23,818.33
*AMT. TO BE RAISED BY PROP. TAXES	$189,596.19	$162,132.54	$218,728.62
TOTAL REVENUES			$242,546.95

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 1967

Town Officers' Salaries	$3,800.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,700.00
Election and Registration	100.00
Town Hall, etc.	2,500.00
Police Department	1,500.00
Fire Department	1,500.00
Insurance	1,200.00
Planning and Zoning	250.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	400.00
Vital Statistics	35.00
Town Dump	800.00
Highway Dept.	
Summer	6,600.00
Winter	6,000.00
Street Lighting	775.00
Libraries	1,995.00
Town Poor	500.00
Old Age Assistance	100.00
Memorial Day	85.00
Parks and Playgrounds	500.00
Cemeteries	125.00
Advertising and Regional Association	200.00
State Aid Construction	256.92
Interest	725.00
Long Term Notes	7,020.00
County Tax	8,853.03
Total	$47,519.95

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1966	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1966	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1967
General Government:			
Town Officer's Salaries	$ 3,600.00	$ 3,749.31	$ 3,800.00
Town Officer's Expenses	1,400.00	1,654.39	1,700.00
Election and Registration Expenses	500.00	471.25	100.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	2,500.00	2,197.22	2,500.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	1,500.00	1,452.00	1,500.00
Fire Department	1,500.00	2,089.90	1,500.00
Insurance	1,200.00	1,498.33	1,200.00
Planning and Zoning	75.00		250.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	400.00	415.05	400.00
Health:			
Vital Statistics	35.00	80.70	35.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	800.00	829.45	800.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	6,000.00	6,197.64	6,600.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	6,000.00	7,229.84	6,000.00
Street Lighting	775.00	760.68	775.00
Libraries	1,500.00	1,503.90	1,995.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	500.00	5,836.50	500.00
Old Age Assistance	500.00	351.48	100.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	85.00	41.95	85.00
Recreation:			
Parks and Playground, Incl. Band Concerts	300.00	3,414.06	500.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	125.00	125.00	125.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	200.00	200.00	200.00
Interest:	230.00	587.61	725.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Construction — TRA	256.92	256.92	256.92
State Aid Construction — TRA		4,800.00	
Payments on Principal of Debt:			
(b Long Term Notes	2,043.08	3,160.00	7,020.00
County Taxes	8,239.43	8,853.03	8,853.03
School Taxes	177,310.72	105,382.48	195,027.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$217,575.15	$163,138.69	$242,546.95

TREASURER'S REPORT, WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Expenses:		
Staff		$ 488.50
Library Materals		
Books		1,058.52
Supplies		92.44
Buildings		
Utilities		534.75
Janitor		63.46
Lawns & snow removal		69.75
General repairs		42.52
Landscaping		58.30
Steps		143.75
Trustees of Trust Funds (Chase)		500.00
Friends of Library		7.50
Bank deposit		500.00
		$3,559.49
Bal. on Hand Dec. 31, 1966		191.90
		$3,751.39
Receipts:		
Town appropriation		$1,486.40
Special appropriation		200.00
		$1,686.40
Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1965	$ 47.26	
Other income		
Trust funds	387.61	
Memorial Gifts	17.29	
Dividends	51.36	
Friends of Library	27.50	
Fines	43.49	
Misc. income	62.47	
Interest on bequest	928.01	
Legacy	500.00	
	$ 2,017.73	$ 2,017.73
Total income		$ 3,751.39

Isabel H. Colwell, Treasurer

PLANNING BOARD PROJECTS IN 1966

The planning board in the year past has been working on the expansion of two subdivisions of which one has been approved at this time.

The building ordinance of Stratham is another project of the board. There will appear in the town warrant amendments to articles which have created the most problems to our building inspector, with more amendments to follow in 1968.

We, as a planning board have also been keeping abreast of the developments of the Seacoast Regional Plan.

The planning board wishes to extend to the towns people an invitation to its meetings so that Stratham will be zoned and planned the way it is desired by the majority of the town.

STRATHAM PLANNING BOARD

Christopher T. Rowe, Chairman
Nelson E. Barker
Richard Warner
Robert T. Wiggin
James B. Peirce, Secretary

HOW STRATHAM TRAVELED

FINANCIAL REPORT, HIGHWAY AGENT

Summer

Equipment Hire	$2,641.99
Resurfacing Roads	1,520.27
Labor	1,142.40
Road Repair Material	398.34
Culvert	339.95
Fuel	53.38
Equipment and Material	39.60
Parts and Repairs	35.55
Utilities	26.16
	$6,197.64
Reimbursement from Berry Estates	894.45

Winter

Equipment Hire	$3,467.25
Salt	1,685.90
Labor	1,490.81
Parts and Repairs	406.99
Road Repair Material	54.60
Equipment and Material	52.48
Fuel	32.24
Utilities	18.87
Meals	13.80
Telephone	6.90
	$7,229.84

WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The library is now open fifteen hours a week; on Thursday afternoons from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. for the convenience of children who may get off the bus to study and do reference work. Adults are also welcome at this time. Three hundred twenty-five (325) new books have been added to the collection in addition to numerous gifts and Memorial books. One hundred dollars ($100.00) has been received in State Aid for Juvenile non-fiction. Through the New Hampshire State Library Development Program we have also been awarded an additional $100.00 for reference materials. The trustees, librarian and assistant librarian, meet regularly at the library on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. Three hundred ninety-five (395) persons have active borrowing cards at the library and during 1966, the circulation was 2,474 — juvenile books; 1,676 — adult fiction and 776 — adult non fiction, making a total of 4,926 books circulated. Much progress has been made on the project of cataloguing.

In cooperation with the Friends of the Library, a series of film programs have been held, which have had excellent attendance. Twenty-one children participated in and completed the summer reading program which was open to children from grades 4-8. Two groups of pre-school children were invited to a short story hour and a visit on the bookmobile. The friends cleaned the cellar and shelved historical materials. We were hosts, for the second time, to the south-east district for a book meeting with approximately 30 people attending. The Unity Club held its library-oriented program at the library, at which Mrs. Anne Molloy, author of children's books, was the speaker.

In cooperation with the staff of Memorial School, a book fair was held in November. Profit from the sales netted each $42.09. Our share was invested in children's classics.

The library was used extensively by the 250th anniversary committee for meetings and for headquarters, previous to the celebration. During the actual celebration, the library was open and housed several exhibits. Many questions from visitors were answered concerning genealogical and other historical information at this time. The Friends of the Library, sponsored a float in the parade.

We are grateful for the continued use of the library by many groups and individuals, and wish to express our thanks to the Friends under the chairmanship of Mrs. Patricia Flad for their continued assistance.

ISABEL H. COLWELL,
HELEN F. L. GOWEN
CHARLOTTE M. HUTTON
Trustees

GLADYS CHAPMAN
Librarian

ELIZABETH BATCHELDER
Assist. Librarian

Wiggin Memorial Library's Float in the anniversary parade stressed the library's founding in 1911.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Early in the year, we received the International Fire Truck with a 750 gallon per minute pumper and a 2000 gallon booster tank. This truck was instrumental in actually saving two houses from burning and a very big help in our other fires.

This year the department had to call on six of our neighboring departments to help fight the spectacular Raedar Farm blaze.

For the first time in our brief history we were able to win two trophies in the fire truck parades of Lee and Exeter. The Fire Department float won a prize in its division of the 250th Anniversary parade.

STRATHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Financial Report
February 1, 1966 to Feb. 1, 1967

NELSON BARKER
Treasurer

Receipts

Balance in hands of Treasurer February 1, 1966	$ 525.31
Savings account Feb. 1, 1966	2,180.50
Interest on Savings Account	42.93
Dues	100.00
Burning and other Services	113.00
Card Parties	107.71
Refreshment Committee	31.84
Finance Committee	363.90
Supper and Auction	318.44
Auxiliary	200.00
Total	$3,983.63

Expenses

State Firemen's Association	$ 58.00
Firehouse Maintenance	11.90
Social Activities	29.95
Fire Equipment	379.75
250th Anniversary	125.00
Repairs	103.08
Flowers	14.50
Postage and Miscellaneous	42.65
Disc Call cards and donations	73.64
Note on truck	1,388.20
Savings account Feb. 1, 1967	1,600.10
Balance in hands of Treasurer	256.76
	$3,983.63

STRATHAM HILL PARK

Stratham Hill Park is a tract of land comprising of 43 acres given to the Town of Stratham by the Hon. Edward Tuck in the year of 1905. This park to be used by the people of Stratham and surrounding Towns forever free of charge. But owned and maintained by the Town of Stratham.

There was great foresight on the part of the Hon. Edward Tuck more than 62 years ago in securing this piece of land for the enjoyment of the people in this area.

However, it also gave the people of Stratham the duty to manage and maintain this park. In the past, the three Selectmen of Stratham have always looked after this park and administered to its needs when necessary, usually with interested volunteer help because of the limited budget.

In 1950 the Selectmen appointed 3 park Commissioners to assist them in recommendations on the park. They are: Mr. Ridge Marsh; Mr. Henry Burke; and Mr. George R. Brown.

Later, in the year of 1957, the Stratham Hill Park Association was formed. The members are all people interested in promoting and maintaining the Park. Guided by the prudential Committee, composed of the 3 Selectmen, the 3 Park Commissioners, and President, Secretary, and Treasurer, plus 3 interested members. This Association was designed and a Constitution drawn up by Lawyer Batchelder of Exeter. Regular meetings are held and records maintained and the park has been greatly improved by the Association under very limited funds. Because of the Natural Beauty of this Park, the hill, and its elevation, enabling people from the summit to look out to the East to the Atlantic Ocean and North to Great Bay presents a view unequaled by any post card.

Extending up the slopes of the hill are large, tall stately pines, providing cover for the trails and lend to more esthetic value. Without the woodland this park would be just another hill. So we must protect it and manage it properly.

Two years ago a sum of money was left to the Stratham Hill Park Association by Miss Sadie & Harriett Jewell. One third of the money was spent to improve the park, the remaining two thirds was invested by the Trustees of the Trust Funds and the Interest to be spent each year on the Park. This money gave the Association a chance to do many improvements beneficial to the Park. Long range plans are being developed to insure continual improvements.

Accomplishments during 1966 were:

I. Development of pavilion area.

A. Completion of the enlargement of the pavilion.

B. Artesian well installed and drinking fountain.

C. Toilet facilities.

D. Lighting facilities.

E. Grading pavilion and parking area.

II. Improvement of Little League Ball Field.

A. Grading and seeding.

B. Backstop and perimeter chain link fence.

C. Concrete dug outs.

III. Bronze plaque dedicating ball field to be forever known as the "Sadie and Harriett Jewell Memorial Field."

IV. Esthetic Vista Improvement from the Summit.

V. Presented by the Rockingham County Extension Forrester for consideration of a long range forestry plan for future improvement and management of all woodland at the park.

VI. Presented by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, for consideration of a long range land use plan for recreation for all land at the park.

Presented by:

George R. Brown — Chairman
Richard G. Scamman — Secretary
Robert G. Calef — Treasurer

Prudential Committee:

Robert T. Wiggin (Selectman)
Richard G. Scamman (Selectman)
John A. Hutton, Jr. (Selectman)
Christopher Rowe
Francis Wiggin
Henry Burke

1966 was a year of improvement at Stratham Hill Park

PROPERTY STRATHAM OWNS

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$ 20,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	20,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Police Department, Equipment	500.00
Fire Department, Lands and buildings	10,000.00
Equipment	36,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	6,500.00
Equipment	10,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	15,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	150,000.00
Equipment	10,000.00
Total	$280,000.00

There were clowns there, too . . .

FEES, PERMITS COLLECTED BY THE TOWN CLERK

1965-66 Permits	$ 233.98	
1966-67 Permits	13,796.82	
1967-68 Permits	150.29	
		$ 14,171.09
Dog Licenses		494.00
Filing Fees		10.00
		$14,675.09
Remittances to Treasurer		$ 14,675.09

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF JUNE 30

Bonds Outstanding

Issued May 1, 1950	$10,000.00
Issled April 1, 1957	$19,000.00
Issued July 16, 1964	$35,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$64,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 8,189.49
Debt:	
Liabilities Over Assets	$55,810.51

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

ASSETS

Cash	$73,297.17	
Accounts Due to the Town —		
Due from State:		
(a) Joint Highway Construction Accounts, Unexpended Bal. in State Treasury	1,918.09	
Unredeemed taxes: (from tax sale on account of)		
(b) Levy of 1965	1,455.94	
(c) Levy of 1964	290.23	
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1966	32,203.08	
(e) State Head Taxes — Levy of 1966	795.00	
(g) Poll Taxes — Levy of 1966	236.00	
Total Assets		$110,195.51
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)		2,079.94
This Grand Total		$112,275.45

Current Revenue:	
From Local Taxes:	
(Collected and remitted to Treasurer)	
Property Taxes Current Year—1966	129,995.68
Poll Taxes Current Year—1966	800.00
Yield Taxes—1966	6.96
State Head Taxes @ $5 1966	2,565.00
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	133,367.64
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes — Previous Years	22,354.36
Poll Taxes — Previous Year	248.00
State Head Taxes @ $5 — Previous Years	805.00
Interest received on Taxes	769.44
Penalties on State Head Taxes	88.70
From State:	
Interest and dividends tax	3,483.27
Railroad Tax	6.34
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	282.05
Reimbursement a/c State Federal forest lands	1,712.83
Reimbursement a/c Flood Control Land and Water Pollution Aid	22.90
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog Licenses	494.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	40.00
Rent of town property	143.27
Income from departments	1,103.30
Motor vehicle permits	14,171.09
Total Current Revenue Receipts	$179,087.19
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Long term notes during year	20,300.00
Insurance adjustments	307.22
Sale of town property	107.55
Sale of Fire Truck	600.00
SVFD Assoc.	1,388.20
Reimbursement Town Poor	4,613.50
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	$ 27,316.47
Total Receipts for All Sources	$206,403.66
Cash on hand January 1, 1966	$ 61,659.98
This Grand Total	$268,063.64

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Bal. of Appr for Cemetery	$ 1,531.00	
Due to State:		
(Collected—not remitted to State Treas. $216.50)		216.50
Due to School Districts:		
Balance of School Tax	84,296.86	
State and Town Joint Highway Construction Accounts:		
(a) Unexpended balance in State Treasury	1,918.09	
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Fire Truck (Forest)	1,300.00	
Fire Truck (2000 Gal. Tank)	16,000.00	
TRA	8,300.00	
Total Liabilities		$112,275.45

PAYMENTS

General Government:		
Town officers' salaries	3,749.31	
Town officers' expenses	1,654.39	
Election and registration expenses	471.25	
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	2,197.22	
Protection of Persons and property:		
Police department	1,452.00	
Fire department, including forest fires	2,089.90	
Insurance		1,498.33

Health:		
Vital statistics		80.70
Town dumps and garbage removal		829.45
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance		13,427.48
Summer—$6,197.64		
Winter —$7,229.84		
Street lighting		760.68
Libraries:		
Libraries		1,503.90
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance		351.48
Town poor		5,836.50
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations and Old Home Day		41.95
Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts		258.11
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries, including hearse hire		125.00
Unclassified:		
Stratham Hill Park Fund		3,155.95
Damages and legal expenses		415.05
Advertising and Regional Associations		200.00
Taxes bought by town		1,804.50
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds		504.42
250th Anniversary		5,000.00
Interest		587.61
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:		
TRA		4,800.00
Library		200.00
Cemetery Dev.		469.00
Town Hall Land		500.00
Cemetery Land		3,000.00
New equipment (Highway—Plow Wing)	1,165.00	
Fire Truck	16,000.50	
Indebtedness:		
Payments on long term notes	3,160.00	
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State Head Taxes paid State Treas. (1966 $2,144.28) (Prior Yrs. $1,097.00)	3,241.28	
Taxes paid to county		8,853.03
Payments to School Districts (1965 Tax $55,382.48) (1966 Tax $50,000.00)	105,382.48	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		$194,766.47
Cash on hand December 31, 1966		$ 73,297.17
Grand Total		$268,063.64

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1966

	1965	1964	1963	1962
Dr.				
Taxes Sold to Town during Current Fiscal Year	$ 1,804.50			
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes January 1, 1966		$ 1,123.28	$ 742.94	$ 6.13
Interest Collected after Sale	5.65	49.09	124.78	
Redemption Costs and Fees	3.50	2.00	7.00	
TOTAL DEBITS:	$ 1,813.65	$ 1,174.37	$ 874.72	$ 6.13
Cr.				
Remittances To Treasurer During Year	357.71	884.14	874.72	
Adjustment by Selectmen				6.13
Unredeemed Taxes as of December 31, 1966	1,455.94	290.23		
TOTAL CREDITS:	$ 1,813.65	$ 1,174.37	$ 874.72	$ 6.13

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS

SUMMARY OF 1966 WARRANTS COMBINED

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

			DR.
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes			$162,132.55
Poll Taxes			1,042.00
Timber Yield Taxes			6.96
			$163,181.51
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes	$	837.00	
Poll Taxes		6.00	
			843.00
Interest Collected:			
Interest		2.52	
Penalties on Polls		1.40	
			3.92
TOTAL DEBITS:			$164,028.43

			CR.
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes		130,766.47	
Less: Discounts		770.79	cr.
Interest on Property Taxes		2.52	
Poll Taxes		800.00	
Penalties on Polls		1.40	
Yield Taxes		6.96	
			130,806.56
Discounts Allowed			770.79
Abatements by Selectmen:			
Poll Taxes			12.00
Uncollected Taxes as per lists:			
Property Taxes		32,203.08	
Poll Taxes		236.00	
			32,439.08
TOTAL CREDITS:			$164,028.43

SUMMARY OF HEAD TAX WARRANT

Levy 1966

			DR.
State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Original Warrant	$	3,370.00	
Added Taxes		10.00	
			$ 3,380.00
Penalties Collected			6.50
TOTAL DEBITS:			$ 3,386.50

			CR.
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Head Taxes		2,565.00	
Penalties		6.50	
			$ 2,571.50
Abatements by Selectmen			20.00
Uncollected Head Taxes per list			795.00
TOTAL CREDITS:			$ 3,386.50

SUMMARY OF HEAD TAX WARRANT

Levy of 1965

			DR.
Head Taxes Uncollected as of January 1, 1966	$	910.00	
Added Taxes During 1966		30.00	
Penalties Collected		77.20	
TOTAL DEBITS:			$ 1,017.20

Remittances to Treasurer:			
Head Taxes		805.00	
Penalties		77.20	
Abatements by Selectmen		135.00	
TOTAL CREDITS:			$ 1,017.20

SUMMARY OF 1965 WARRANTS COMBINED

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

			DR.
Property Taxes Uncollected as of January 1, 1966		$ 20,393.06	
Added Taxes during 1966		36.75	
			20,429.81
Poll Taxes		294.00	
Poll Taxes Added		14.00	
			308.00
Interests & Costs Collected		548.62	
Poll Tax Penalties		23.40	
			572.02
TOTAL DEBITS			$ 21,309.83

			CR.
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes		20,429.81	
Poll Taxes		248.00	
Interest, Penalties & Costs		572.02	
			21,249.83
Abatements by Selectmen			60.00
TOTAL CREDITS:			$ 21,309.83

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1966

Balance on Hand, Jan. 1, 1966		$ 61,659.98
Received from:		
Frances J. Bradford, Tax Collector:		
1966 Property Tax	$129,998.20	
1966 Poll Tax	801.40	
1966 Yield Tax	6.96	
1966 Head Tax	2,571.50	
1965 Property Tax	19,185.91	
1965 Poll Tax	274.90	
1965 Head Tax	882.20	
Redemptions, Tax Sales	3,907.07	
		$157,628.14
Frances J. Bradford, Town Clerk:		
Auto Permits	$ 14,171.09	
Dog Licenses	494.00	
Filing Fees	10.00	
		$ 14,675.09
David Noyes, Highway Agent:		
Plowing Driveways	$ 208.85	
		$ 208.85
State of New Hampshire:		
TRA	$ 1,712.83	
Interest and Dividends	3,483.27	
Savings Bank Tax	282.05	
Reimbursement, Head Tax	22.90	
Railroad Tax	6.34	
		$ 5,507.39
Miscellaneous:		
Sale of Fire Truck	$ 600.00	
Fire Department	1,388.20	
Insurance Adjustment & Dividend	307.22	
Cemetery Lot	40.00	
Unity Club, Christmas Lights	15.00	
Telephone Company	52.27	
Rent of Town Hall	76.00	
Recovery, Town Welfare	4,613.50	
Bank Notes	20,300.00	
Board of Adjustment Variance Fees	30.00	
Sale of Town Property	67.55	
Reimbursement, Tarring	894.45	
		$ 28,384.19
Total Receipts		$268,063.64
Paid on Selectmen's Order 1966		$194,766.47
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1966		73,297.17
		$268,063.64

Copy to:
Robert T. Wiggin, Head Selectman
Frances J. Bradford, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

KENNETH F. LANZILLO
Treasurer

STRATHAM'S TRUST FUNDS, 1966

PRINCIPAL

	Balance 1/1/66	New Funds	Balance 12/31/66
Cemetery Funds	$ 14,898.00	$ 500.00	$ 15,398.00
Library Funds	6,646.10	6,551.47	13,197.57
Stratham Hill Park Funds	4,000.00		4,000.00
Towle Fund	950.00		950.00
Highway Fund	5.00		5.00
	$ 26,499.10	$ 7,051.47	$ 33,550.57

The above principal is invested as follows:

No. Shares		
1367	Puritan Fund	$ 10,148.13
233	Broad St. Investing Corp.	3,502.24
636	Investors Selective Fund, Inc.	7,117.98
6	N. H. Fire Insurance Co.	123.00
30	Chase Manhattan Bank	1,000.00
74	Shawmut Association, Inc.	2,477.75
	Plaistow Coop Bank	200.00
	Portsmouth Savings Bank	575.00
	Amoskeag Savings Bank	955.00
	Rockingham National Bank	7,451.47
	Total as above	$ 33,550.57

INCOME

	Balance 1/1/66	1966 Income	1966 Expense	Balance
	$ 2,606.24	$ 726.63	$ 510.00	$ 2,822.87
		1,315.62	1,315.62	
	.62	326.25		326.87
		42.75	42.75	
	8.29	.78		9.07
	$ 2,615.15	$ 2,412.03	$ 1,868.37	$ 3,158.81

The above income balance is deposited as follows:

Portsmouth Savings Bank	89.04
The Exeter Coop Bank	2,859.94
Amoskeag Savings Bank	9.07
Rockingham National Bank Checking Account	200.76
Total as above	$ 3,158.81

We have examined and found correct the Trustee of Trust Funds Accounts.

F. W. ORDWAY, JR.
JAMES SCAMMAN
GEORGE BROWN

JOSEPHINE SCAMMAN
W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN, JR.

Auditors

SCHOOL REPORT WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Stratham qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Memorial School in said District on the thirteenth day of March, 1967, at eight o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

2. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District.

3. To see if the District will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $400.00 to extend and improve the parking lot at the Memorial School.

4. To see if the District will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $8,000.00 for the establishment of a public kindergarten at the Memorial School.

5. To see if the District will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $1,000.00 for the leasing of buses for transportation.

6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

7. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this thirteenth day of February, 1967.

OLIVE B. CALEF
HENRY SALTONSTALL
G. DOUGLAS ROSS

School Board of
Stratham, N. H.

A True copy of Warrant—Attest:

OLIVE B. CALEF
HENRY SALTONSTALL
G. DOUGLAS ROSS

School Board of
Stratham, N. H.

SCHOOL WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School D'strict in the Town of Stratham qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town hall in said district on the fourteenth day of March, 1967, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock in the morning and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the following purposes:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

. To choose an Auditor for the coming year.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this thirteenth day of February, 1967.

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BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STRATHAM 1967-1968

	Code	Expenditures 1965-66	Adopted Budget 1966-67	Proposed Budget 1967-68
ADMINISTRATION				
Salaries of district officers	110.1	$ 260.00	$ 260.00	$ 270.00
Contracted services	135	40.00	25.00	25.00
Other expenses of dist. officers	190.1	181.48	150.00	150.00
INSTRUCTION				
Salary of principal	210.1	800.00	900.00	1,000.00
Salaries of supervisors	210.2	1,755.00	2,925.00	3,600.00
Salaries of teachers	210.3	47,813.45	47,720.00	39,870.00
Textbooks	215.	735.23	945.00	875.00
Audio visual & library	220.	471.87	330.00	240.00
Teaching supplies	230.	1,802.93	1,440.00	1,300.00
Contracted services for instruc.	235.	397.00	455.00	438.00
Other expenses of instruction	290.	4.50	425.00	675.00
ATTENDANCE				
Salary of attendance officer	310.		10.00	10.00
HEALTH SERVICES				
Nurse's salary	410.	1,162.00	1,285.00	1,415.00
Contracted services for health	435.	600.00	100.00	150.00
Supplies & Nurse's travel	490.	443.62	303.00	240.00
TRANSPORTATION	535.	9,100.00	9,100.00	12,800.00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT				
Janitor's salary	610.	3,000.00	3,200.00	3,300.00
Janitor's supplies	630.	303.78	900.00	800.00
Contracted services	635.		165.00	15.00
Fuel	640.	2,015.77	2,400.00	2,200.00
Utilities (lights, tel., water, gas)	645.	1,457.65	1,800.00	1,500.00
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT				
Replacement of equipment	725.		100.00	100.00
Repairs to equipment	726.	170.25		
Contracted services of maintenance	735.	701.90	1,000.00	715.00
Other expenses of maintenance	790.	167.06	25.00	25.00
FIXED CHARGES				
Teachers' Retirement	850.2	2,563.31	2,505.00	2,297.00
F.I.C.A.	850.3	1,346.48	1,500.00	1,375.00
Insurance	855.	724.20	910.00	850.00

SCHOOL OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD
Olive B. Calef, Henry Saltonstall
G. Douglas Ross

SCHOOL TREASURER
Elizabeth Batchelder

MODERATOR
William P. Roberts

CLERK
Bertha E. Parks

AUDITOR
W. Douglas Scamman, Jr.

	Code	Expenditures 1965-66	Adopted Budget 1966-67	Proposed Budget 1967-68
SCHOOL LUNCH AND/OR SCHOOL MILK				
Federal Monies	975.1	1,339.45	1,450.00	1,300.00
District Monies	975.2	15.88		50.00
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	1190.			
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Sites	1265.	54.00		
Buildings	1266.			
New equipment	1267.	1,808.32	1,828.00	650.00
DEBT SERVICE				
Principal of debt	1370.	25,700.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
Interest on debt	1371.	2,558.50	1,923.75	1,506.00
OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS				
Tuition—public schosol	1477.1	60,665.24	69,080.00	93,072.00
Supervisory Union expenses	1477.3	2,124.30	2,376.97	2,748.00
Other In-State expenditures	1477.9	629.00	834.00	866.00
Tuition—nonpublic schools	1479.1	1,028.50	950.00	1,000.00
PL 89-10 ESEA			4,990.00	4,600.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OR SCHOOL APPROPRIATION		$173,960.67	$177,310.72	$195,027.00
RECEIPTS				
Balance (actual or estimate)		12,241.05	8,189.49	986.93
State Aid—Foundation		45,000.11	18,460.35	18,500.00
Sweepstakes		6,976.97	4,677.71	5,000.00
School Building		6,981.00	2,983.24	3,900.00
Intellectually Retarded		365.43	400.00	400.00
Federal Aid—School Lunch or milk		1,339.45	1,450.00	1,300.00
P. L. 874		8,605.00	4,000.00	5,000.00
NDEA Title III		248.67	240.00	250.00
P. L. 89-10, Title I		4,990.00	3,600.00	4,600.00
Trust Funds				
Other		20.00		
RECEIPTS (actual or estimated)		86,767.68	44,000.79	39,936.93
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT		95,382.48	134,296.86	155,090.07
TOTAL RECEIPTS (actual or estimated)		$182,150.16	$178,297.65	$195,027.00

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1967-1968

School Opens Sept. 6 (Wed.)
Closes Dec. 21 (Thurs.)
74 days 16 weeks

Opens Jan. 2 (Tues.)
Closes Feb. 16 (Fri.)
34 days 7 weeks

Opens Feb. 26 (Mon.)
Closes April 19 (Fri.)
40 days 8 weeks

Opens April 29 (Mon.)
Closes June 14 (Fri.)
34 days 7 weeks

182 days 38 weeks

No School Days:

Oct. 13 — NHEA Convention
Nov. 23-24 — Thanksgiving Recess
May 30 — Memorial Day

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORTS

To the School Board of Stratham, New Hampshire:

I am pleased to submit my nineteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools. I express my sincere thanks to each member of the Stratham School Board, supervisors, teachers, members of the Parent-Teacher Association and to the citizens for their continued cooperation and support during the year.

The school year 1966-1967 opened with the following teaching staff:

Mrs. Gwendlyn Allen, Principal, Remedial Reading
Mrs. Judith Levis, Grade 1
Nancy Bartlett, Grades 1-2
Mrs. Adeline Liberatore, Grade 2
Mrs. Katherine Peabody, Grade 3
Mrs. Bertha Wiggin, Grade 4
Mrs. Marian Burwell, Grade 5
Mrs. Ruth Sargent, Grade 6
John Danahy, Grade 6
Mrs. Marguerite Scamman, Grade 7
Mrs. Sally Wool, Music
Mrs. Regenia Matthews, Art
Mrs. Virginia Holder, Nurse
Mrs. Anna Pike, Physical Education
Kathleen Caddigan, Handwriting

Mrs. Ruth Sargent replaced Mrs. Allen as teacher of grade 6 last March when the Title I program was introduced. Because of the large size of grade 6 it was necessary to divide the Class and Mr. John Danahy was employed as the other grade 6 teacher.

Mrs. Sally Wool replaced Mrs. Janet Layton as teacher of music and Mrs. Anna Pike succeeded Mrs. Patricia Flad as teacher of physical education.

Mrs. Hilda Barker retired after 27 years of competent and dedicated service in the Stratham schools. It is our sincere wish that she will enjoy many happy years of retirement.

The enrollment as of December 23 was as follows:

Grade 1 31	Grade 5 25
Grade 2 28	Grade 6 33
Grade 3 28	Grade 7 21
Grade 4 26	

This is a total of 192 pupils as compared to 196 for a corresponding date last year.

Under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Stratham's entitlement for 1965 -

1966 was $4,990.00. A project was prepared and approved to provide remedial reading, speech therapy and psychological services for educationally deprived children. Mrs. Allen was relieved of her duties as teacher of grade 6 so that she could serve as a part-time remedial reading teacher and principal. A considerable amount of equipment was purchased to implement the program. A speech therapist visits the school once a week to work with students who need this service and psychological services are provided when needed. Several students are benefiting from the program.

Under Title II, Stratham received its share of the Supervisory Union allotment of library books and classroom sets of books and filmstrips. This year, in addition to more library books, it is hoped that approval will be received for the purchase of sets of maps for the upper grade classrooms.

The tuition rates for 1967-1968 as approved by the State Department of Education and announced by the Exeter School Board are as follows:

Estimated Per Pupil Cost for 1966-1967:

Senior High students	$546.62
Rental charge	$ 28.38
	$575.00
Junior High students	$487.23
Rental charge	$ 46.77
	$534.00

These estimated per pupil costs compare with the state average per pupil costs of $589 for high school and $518 for junior high school for 1966 - 1967 exclusive of rental charges.

The AREA School Plan for Brentwood, East Kingston, Exeter, Kensington, Newfields and Stratham for the pupils of grades 7-12 went into effect on July 1, 1966. The first meeting of the AREA Advisory Committee was held in October and another meeting is scheduled for February.

The AREA Junior High School was voted by the Exeter School District in March, 1966, and construction of the $1,425,000 building was started the last of August. There is every reason to believe that the building will be ready for occupancy in September, 1967.

Mr. Frederick King, Teacher consultant for Supervisory Union No. 16, explains some of the work which he is doing in the area of curriculum as follows:

We are at the beginning of a new period in the teaching of social studies. The sophisticated ideas and methods of the social scientist are deemed accessible to the child from six to twelve years old — providing they are developed in words and situations that the child is able to handle on his own.

Last year a workshop for teachers was held in social studies education and an in-service course from the university was conducted in Exeter. Since then the State Department of Education has produced a guide called NEW VIEWPOINTS IN SOCIAL STUDIES FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS, K-12.

In this Union this fall the formal study of our social studies program was begun. A curriculum study committee was established consisting of eight members from various towns in the union with the teacher consultant as chairman. Each of the committee members in addition to representing our towns also was chosen so that each grade level was represented. Each member then acts as a chairman for her grade level when each grade holds a discussion.

In addition to this, an advisory committee consisting of the principals of each school in the union, the teacher consultant and the head of the social studies department at Exeter High School will work closely with the general committee to read, review and evaluate the material and progress.

Curriculum planning is a many step process. One does not change a school program without a complete study of the existing program and the possibilities for the future. The present general committee is discussing a philosophy, determining objectives, selecting concepts to be taught, planning learning experiences, examining grade by grade content, looking at the total program sequence, selecting appropriate materials, finding ways to evaluate the program once it is underway, and in the end to have a written guide available for each teacher in social studies teaching for the schools of School Union No. 16. Each of these steps deserves lengthy consideration but space does not permit it.

We have a long way to go, and many hours will be spent in this task. We must search, however, for an education that prepares children to cope with a social world radically different from the one that exists at present. To this aim each teacher joins me in this important curriculum work. We are attempting each year to examine a different curriculum area so that we never remain static. Education is a "changing scene" and as our society changes so must our school program.

As you read these reports on the past school year, please remember that they are your story as much as they are ours. Without the cooperation of parents and the community as a whole, none of this would have been possible.

HOW SALARY COSTS ARE MET

Superintendent

1965 - 1966

Exeter	$6,477.78
East Kingston	319.12
Greenland	855.63
Kensington	469.90
Newfields	428.27
Stratham	699.30
	$11,750.00

Teacher Consultant

Exeter	$4,201.80
East Kingston	207.00
Greenland	555.00
Kensington	304.80
Newfields	277.80
Stratham	453.60
State's share	2,500.00
	$ 8,500.00

Handsome beards graced our men-folk's faces in the year of our observance

THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The School Health Service is designed to serve the physical and emotional health needs of all children in the school system, collectively and individually, and to promote an awareness among parents of these needs and of available help through this department.

The School Nurse offers leadership and guidance to the development and maintenance of the health program. Following are some of the health services included in The Stratham Memorial School Health program this year:

Maintaining individual records of heights, weights, vision and hearing, physical examinations, histories of immunizations and diseases, and any special notes.

Vision and hearing testing; physical examinations and urinalyses in specific grades, and all referred. Follow-up of physical examination findings. If parents are not present, communication (personal or by letter) must be made. Also, conferences with the Principal and Teachers in relation to physical examinations, visual or hearing losses or other apparent problems.

Referrals for special services: crippled children; sight conservation; hearing; mental health; speech; dental, etc.

In general, dental health has been highlighted in the schools through demonstrations, clinics, and education. Our dental hygiene clinic was sponsored again this year by the Stratham Parent Teacher Association, in cooperation with the State Department of Health.

Psychological evaluations have been made available under Title I funds. Conferences with, and suggestions by the physician have aided school personnel in adjusting their approach to children's learning problems more successfully.

Pre-school clinics which are held on Registration Day are the best way we know of determining whether a child is physically and emotionally ready for Grade I. At this time heights, weights, result of vision — and in some instances hearing — tests are entered on the child's permanent school health record. Dental surveys and recommendations will be made this year under the State Dental School Readiness Program by registered state dental health hygienists. Our speech therapist will be present for such evaluations as seem necessary. Immunizations may be brought up to date and conferences will be held with our school physician, Dr. John Tuthill.

The importance of a pre-school clinic for vision screening of children aged 3½ to 6 years cannot be overemphasized, as the earlier a Lazy-eye is discovered in a child, the more readily it will respond to treatment. We plan to hold our Lazy-eye clinic on Registration Day this year.

Health Education — Through education only can we expect most favorable returns from our efforts to establish good understanding and practices of health, hygiene, and safety. Available through the State Department of Health, the University of New Hampshire, and other sources are films, filmstrips and various helpful aids to enrich the health education curriculum. We try to present these in conjunction with special class units at a time when our material will be most meaningful to the students.

May I express my sincere appreciation to the individuals and the organizations that have helped in so many ways to make this a successful and productive year.

VIRGINIA D. HOLDER, R. N.

STRATHAM PUPILS

Total Enrollment January 1, 1967

Grades		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Memorial School		32	29	28	26	25	33	21	0	0	0	0	0	194
St. Michaels		5	3	4	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	20
Child Garden School		1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Phillips Exeter		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Exeter Jr.-Sr. High		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	22	30	21	25	133
St. Thomas Aquinas		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Great Bay School	1													1
Rockingham	1													1
TOTALS	2	38	32	32	28	28	35	23	35	22	32	23	26	356
1966 Comparisons	3	35	31	30	30	34	24	28	21	32	21	26	26	341

SCHOOL STATISTICS

For Ten Years Ending June 30, 1966

School Year	Weeks	Boys	Girls	Total Pupils	Ave. Attend.	Ave. Absence	Ave. Membership	Percent. of Attend.	Cases Tardiness
1956-1957	38	66	75	141	124.4	6.8	131.2	94.5	49
1957-1958	38	86	103	189	154.2	8.9	163.1	94.5	69
1958-1959	38	85	93	178	154.1	7.9	162.0	95.1	45
1959-1960	38	98	79	177	157.3	8.4	165.7	94.9	64
1960-1961	38	103	83	186	162.2	5.3	167.5	97.4	54
1961-1962	38	116	82	198	171.9	8.6	180.5	95.2	67
1962-1963	38	121	101	222	182.4	7.3	189.7	96.1	77
1963-1964	38	122	110	232	199.0	9.8	208.8	95.3	59
1964-1965	38	111	95	206	181.8	6.8	188.6	96.4	69
1965-1966	38	115	99	214	188.2	7.7	195.9	96.1	59

MARRIAGES IN STRATHAM, 1966

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom & Bride	Age	Con.	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Married By
Jan. 22	Michael R. Muldowney Nancy V. Elmore	22 21	1 1	New York, N. Y. Salem, Mass.	James X. Muldowney Gertrude E. Kauth Robert L. Elmore Dorothy Woodbury	Rev. John F. Barrett Exeter, N. H.
Feb 19	Neil E. Chapman Sandra A. Prescott	25 21	1 2	Brentwood, N. H. Exeter, N. H.	Carl E. Chapman Mildred F. Chambers Ralph W. Holmes Helen L. Bean	Rev. Wm. B. Wylie Fremont, N. H.
Feb. 19	Robert S. Gamlin Marlene R. Shea	27 26	2 2	Exeter, N. H. Groveland, Mass.	Scott B. Gamlin Gladys E. Cadman DeMont K. Goodrich Edna M. McCormack	Rev. Harry R. Flad Stratham, N. H.
Mar. 19	Ronald L. Chase Janice C. Montalto	24 22	1 2	Brentwood, N. H. Portsmouth, N. H.	Willis L. Chase Mildred E. Twombly Ralph G. LaRose Isabelle M. Zych	Annie B. Piper Justice of the Peace Lee, N. H.
May 1	John D. LeRoy Lynne C. MacNeill	28 19	1 1	Exeter, N. H. Biddeford, Me.	Gerard B. Leroy Leah M. Colby Harold A. MacNeill Laura J. Glass	Rev. Harry G. Ford Exeter, N. H.
May 14	Kurt W. Freudenreich Janet L. Lachange	24 20	1 2	Hamburg, Germany Concord, N. H.	Kern Anni Evers Harry F. Flanders Elizabeth L. Fardon	Rev. Harry R. Flad Stratham, N. H.
May 28	Walter A. Witham Eileen N. Howcroft	27 19	1 1	Brentwood, N. H. Exeter, N. H.	Fred L. Witham Lelia E. Evans Donald Howcroft Elizabeth Murch	Rev. Harry R. Flad Stratham, N. H.
June 25	Samuel G. Adams III Dorothy C. Seavey	25 20	1 1	Washington, D. C. Boston, Mass.	Samuel G. Adams Gladys E. Matchett James W. Seavey Mildred E. Merchant	Rev. Harry R. Flad Stratham, N. H.
June 25	Albert S. Mariani Sherrill J. Roberts	20 19	1 1	Waterbury, Conn. Goffstown, N. H.	Ralph G. Mariani Florence E. Daly William P. Roberts Viola R. Sornberger	Rev. Harry R. Flad Stratham, N. H.
July 9	Donald W. Scamman Vinie M. Chester	23 23	1 1	Lynn, Mass. Newark, Ohio	Richard G. Scamman Barbara M. Yeaton Sherman E. Chester Pauline C. Schneider	Rev. Harold E. Schneider Columbus, Ohio

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July 9	Lloyd P. Cotton, Jr.	18	1	Millinocket, Me.	Lloyd P. Cotton, Sr. Corinne E. Robinson	Rev. Geo. H. Booth Exeter, N. H.
	Karen L. Parker	16	1	Groveland, Mass.	Myron P. Parker Marie K. Lenseth	
Aug. 6	Bernard H. Ross, Jr.	26	1	Everett, Mass.	Bernard H. Ross, Sr. Nora L. Stenborg	Pauline H. Keezer Justice of the Peace
	Valerie T. Krupski	24	2	Boston, Mass.	Joseph F. Krupski Mary F. Kuhn	Plaistow, N. H.
Sept. 9	Gordon D. Herndon	55	3	Beverly, Mass.	Richard S. Herndon Fanny C. Calvary	Rev. Elbridge F. Stoneham Newfields, N. H.
	Barbara R. Jackson	46	2	Andover, Mass.	Paul M. Rice Elizabeth E. Evans	
Sept. 17	William F. Wolf	32	1	Elyria, Ohio	Arthur L. Wolf Marcella R. Hildebrand	Rev. Harry R. Flad Stratham, N. H.
	Beatrice A. Scamman	27	1	Exeter, N. H.	W. Douglas Scamman Frances W. Gile	
Oct. 7	Henry M. Goss	22	1	Exeter, N. H.	Henry J. Goss Pearl Lancaster	Rev. Harry R. Flad Stratham, N. H.
	Kathryn A. Wiggin	18	1	Exeter, N. H.	Robert T. Wiggin Bertha V. Christofferson	
Oct. 27	Ronald N. Keller	18	1	Exeter, N. H.	Carroll N. Keller Frances E. Tibbets	Rev. Harry G. Ford Exeter, N. H.
	Jane H. Seavey	15	1	Danvers, Mass.	James W. Seavey Mildred E. Merchant	
Nov. 7	Ronald L. Youk	19	1	Detroit, Mich.	William E. Youk Elizabeth MacLeod	Rev. John M. Smith Exeter, N. H.
	Joan E. Flanders	19	1	Concord, N. H.	Harry F. Flanders Elizabeth L. Fardon	
Nov. 12	David L. Stolte	20	1	Indiana	Eugene J. Stolte Beatrice L. Archibald	Rev. Harry R. Flad Stratham, N. H.
	Dale Rasmussen	20	1	Oneonta, N. Y.	Hayward E. Rasmussen Lena V. Chesbro	
Nov. 18	Jay E. Mason	18	1	Portsmouth, N. H.	Everett L. Mason Dorothy V. Emery	Marion T. Brewster Justice of the Peace
	Charline G. Ferron	18	1	Exeter, N. H.	Albert J. Ferron Violette M. Degrange	Stratham, N. H.
Nov. 19	Wayne S. Kenison	19	1	Concord, N. H.	Lyman D. Kenison Thelma P. Glass	Rev. Edward J. Masse Exeter, N. H.
	Kathleen D. Foss	20	1	Exeter, N. H.	Laurence E. Foss Kathleen E. Walsh	
Dec. 10	Robert P. Demers	25	1	North Troy, Vt.	Paul E. Demers Norma Thomas	Marion T. Brewster Justice of the Peace
	Jo Ann Ross	17	1	Newport, Vt.	Roland Ross Charlette M. Bronson	Stratham, N. H.

BIRTHS DURING 1966

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Feb. 10	Exeter, N. H.	Donna Marie Grant	F	Kenneth A. Grant	Eleanor L. Dickinson
Mar. 13	Exeter, N. H.	Wendy Leigh Melanson	F	Robert E. Melanson	Carol J. Clark
Mar. 14	Portsmouth, N. H.	Richard Dixwell Moore	M	Richard B. Moore	Marcia Dixwell
Mar. 23	Portsmouth, N. H.	Nancy Leah Ferrell	F	Marvin E. Ferrell	Delma B. Hilton
Apr. 28	Exeter, N. H.	Stephanie Diane Thurston	F	Howard E. Thurston	Jean A. Merrill
May 3	Newton, Mass.	Clark Prescott Hill	M	Robert M. Hill	Mary E. Clark
May 21	Exeter, N. H.	Brian Scott Curtin	M	Richard R. Curtin	Nancy Dole
June 22	Exeter, N. H.	Maria Eve Letourneau	F	Wilfred D. Letourneau	Carol M. Thibodeau
July 18	Exeter, N. H.	Roberta Ann Gerkin	F	Benjamin M. Gerkin	Mary L. Sewall
Aug. 5	Haverhill, Mass.	David Scott Gamlin	M	Robert S. Gamlin	Marlene R. Goodrich
Aug. 13	Exeter, N. H.	John Bradstreet Wiggin	M	Richard H. Wiggin	Miriam W. Fernald
Sept. 10	Exeter, N. H.	Dorothy Ann Price	F	Roland C. Price	Lilla R. Wade
Sept. 16	Exeter, N. H.	William Todd Dolloff	M	Nelson L. Dolloff	Jessica G. Stevens
Oct. 25	Exeter, N. H.	Laura Flad	F	Rev. Harry R. Flad	Patricia Stone
Dec. 6	Exeter, N. H.	Laurie Jean Chapman	F	Neil E. Chapman	Sandra A. Holmes

DEATHS IN STRATHAM, 1966

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Sex	Place of Birth	Mainden Name of Mother	Name of Father
Jan. 14	Natalie A. Chase	55	F	Enfield, N. H.	Lottie Sleeper	Verne McIntyre
June 23	Andrew B. Lee	74	M	Nova Scotia	Ann Gould	James Lee
July 11	Charles R. Brown	73	M	Rye, N. H.	Mary E. Rand	George W. Brown
July 25	Arlene L. Polhamus	55	F	Hartford, Conn.	Mildred Trefethen	John B. Forbes
Aug. 8	John Olson	92	M	Sweden	Caroline Farson	Olaf Olson
Aug. 15	Maurice W. Colby	48	M	Manchester, N. H.	Anna C. Cashman	Wayne M. Colby
Sept. 14	Lester E. Eldredge	69	M	Exeter, N. H.	Richel Eastman	Frank L. Eldredge
Nov. 1	Herbert J. Eastman	85	M	North Groton, N. H.	Caroline Prescott	Hoyt Eastman
Nov. 9	John H. Beairsto	67	M	P.E.I., Canada	Martha P. MacDougall	Samuel E. Beairsto